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**ROTARY CLUB OF CESSNOCK  
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## **PRESIDENTS REPORT**

In preparing this message I was reviewing the clubs program for the next few months of this Rotary Year. The speakers programmed by David and the events programmed by Vicki, Graham and Robyn are stimulating and a source of great club fellowship. In addition the East Cessnock Public School Garden project is well underway under the guidance of Gail and the significant helpers in George, John and Steve. The remaining work can also be a fellowship event and I'm sure Gail will seek volunteers for specific tasks. Robyn has been dealing with the Arizona USA Rotarians who will visit us on 5<sup>th</sup> June 2014 and we are still eagerly awaiting an invitation to Graham's so secret Cognac night. All of which are fellowship events which will bring each member closer together. Then Matt is looking forward to the Capricorn Ramble.

In respect to speakers, next week we have Sheila Turnbull who will talk on the Relay for Life organisation and probably some of the many local organisations of which this special lady (who is the Current Cessnock Senior Citizen of the Year 2014) is associated. The following week we have Mark Anderson Senior Coordinator Fund Development Rotary Foundation who will present to us some further work of the great Rotary Foundation. So we have some good times for which to look forward. Please come and enjoy the fellowship. President David



**The group of successful candidates at the Cessnock Mayoral Academic Awards night.**





We celebrated John Jowett's birthday with a small hot cross bun (where is Claudia on nights like this?) A great big birthday cake would have gone down well with David and Scott's red wine, besides the ones that almost everyone else was having. David has just returned from his sea Voyage and it was appropriate that he would do the Rotary International Toast. The group on the boat did have a Rotary meeting of sorts and hence the Rotary Toast went to any clubs between Singapore and the high seas. That probably covers a number of clubs. David's son Scott has been a regular visitor at our club for some time now and we are always happy to see Scott. He has found a place in Sydney where he will spend some time and so we may not see Scott on such a regular basis. The whole club wishes you the best Scott.



#### ROSTER 24th April 2014

INTERNATIONAL TOAST TELLER: Robyn Drayton  
WELCOME TO GUESTS: Maley/S Jackson  
INTRODUCE SPEAKER: Jack Grant  
GUEST SPEAKER: Brian Howe  
VOTE OF THANKS: Shiela Tumbull  
FINE SESSION: Janette Jackson  
STEWARDS: Peter Carver  
All members

#### 1st May

David Clatk  
Maley/ A Crane  
Peter Carver  
Greg Bevan  
Mark Anderson  
Vicki Steep  
Peter Carver  
All members

#### FUTURE EVENTS

24th April - Shiela Tumbull Relay for Life  
1st May - Mark Anderson  
Senior Coordinator Fund Development for  
Rotary Foundation

Meeting time is 6 for 6.33pm

Apologies to Graham Lidbury by 11am on Thursday on phone **0419 682 573**

or Email: lids@westnet.com.au

**REMEMBER: you will be charged for your meal if you are absent and do not apologize.**



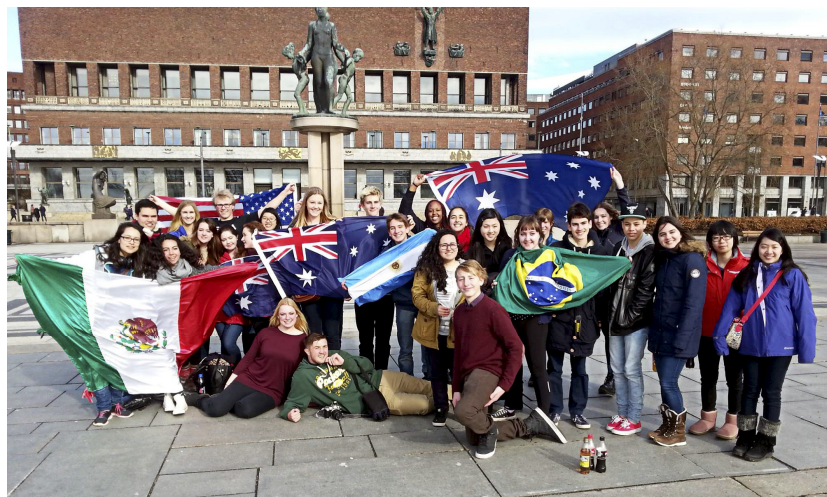
# YOUTH EXCHANGE REPORT

## NEXT INBOUND STUDENT FOR CESSNOCK

Our selection for next years Exchange Student has been finalised. We are going to have Ivor Harsjoen after the long debate between the Norwegian and Hungarian students. At the first board meeting, members voted with a big majority in favour of the Hungarian student. However at the last board meeting we learned that if the Hungarian student was selected then we would not have any host parents. Without host parents its not possible to host. Therefore President David had no choice but to appoint the Norwegian student. I know that the majority of the club would have preferred the Hungarian student but the host parents voted for the Norwegian. Since it was me who pleaded to have a friend of the families child from Hungary as our student, I now ask you all to get behind the Norwegian student and make his stay with us an enjoyable one. Adam Tari from Hungary will be hosted by East Maitland and I will visit that club on a regular basis and ask their permission to take Adam on holidays and I will bring him to our club for a visit so that everyone can meet him. I also take this opportunity to thank all members who saw my point of view in this very heated debate and supported my request to have Adam as our student. I have had many calls and discussions of support regarding this debate and I simply can't thank you guys enough for that support, but sadly it just wasn't meant to be.

## OUTBOUND STUDENT SELECTION FOR NEXT YEAR

We have an application from a Cessnock student who is applying to go overseas in 2015. This is very good news as we haven't had a local applicant for some time. I will ask President David, President Elect Vicki Steep, next Youth Councillor Peter Carver and past exchange student Sebastian Koncz to join me on that interview committee. I will provide details of the meeting after I receive the formal application. Meanwhile overseas, our current Outbound students are flying our Ausie flag with pride all over the world.







I hope that all our members have had a very happy Easter. We at the Koncz household had Claudia's Bunny Butt Cake. The bunnies just dived in but there was plenty left for everyone to enjoy.

STEREOTYPES : A man in a hot air balloon realised he was lost. He reduced altitude and spotted a woman below. He descended a bit more and shouted, "Excuse me, can you help me? I promised a friend I would meet him an hour ago, but I don't know where I am."

The woman below replied, "You are in a hot air balloon hovering approximately 30 feet above the ground. You are between 40 and 41 degrees north latitude and between 59 and 60 degrees west longitude." "You must be an engineer," said the balloonist.

"I am," replied the woman. "How did you know?" "Well," answered the balloonist, "everything you told me is technically correct, but I have no idea what to make of your information, and the fact is I am still lost. Frankly, you've not been much help so far."

The woman below responded, "You must be in management." "I am," replied the balloonist, "but how did you know?"

"Well," said the woman, "you don't know where you are or where you are going. You have risen to where you are due to a large quantity of hot air. You made a promise which you have no idea how to keep, and you expect people beneath you to solve your problems. The fact is you are in exactly the same position you were in before we met, but now, somehow, it's my fault."

*McQuillan walked into a bar and ordered martini after martini, each time removing the olives and placing them in a jar. When the jar was filled with olives and all the drinks consumed, the Irishman started to leave. "S'cuse me," said a customer, who was puzzled over what McQuillan had done. "What was that all about?" "Nothing," said the Irishman, "my wife just sent me out for a jar of olives."*

*A woman had just gotten out of the shower when her husband went in. Suddenly the door bell rang, so she put on a towel and went downstairs. When she opened the door it was the next-door neighbour Rob. "I'll give you \$500 if you'll drop the towel," Rob said. So she dropped the towel, grabbed the \$500, then went to tell her husband about the money.*

*Before she could say a word, however, her husband yelled out, "Hey, was that Rob with that \$500 he owes me?"*



*An airplane was about to crash, and there were 5 passengers on board, but only 4 parachutes. The first passenger, George W. Bush said, "I am the President of the United States, and I have a great responsibility, being leader of nearly 300 million people and a super-power." So he takes the first parachute and jumps out of the plane.*

*The second passenger said, "I'm Antoine Walker, one of the best NBA basketball players, and the Boston Celtics need me so I can't afford to die." So he takes the second parachute and leaves the plane.*

*The third passenger, Hillary Clinton, said, "I am the wife of the former President of the United States, I am New York's Senator, and I am the smartest woman in the world". So she takes the third parachute and exits the plane.*

*The fourth passenger, an old man, says to the fifth passenger, a 12-year-old Boy Scout, "I am old and frail and I don't have many years left so as a Christian gesture and a good deed, I will sacrifice my life and let you have the last parachute."*

*The Boy Scout said, "it's okay, there's a parachute left for you. The world's smartest woman took my backpack."*

